Liber of their free Condicon and to the disgrace of our Nation doe W H & L intermarry with Negro Slaues by which alsoe divers suites may arise touching the Issue of such woemen and a great damage doth befall the Masters of such Negros for prevention whereof for deterring such freeborne women from such shamefull Matches Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority advice and Consent aforesaid That whatsoever free borne woman shall inter marry with any slaue from and after the Last day of this present Assembly shall Serve the master of such slaue dureing the life of her husband And that all the Issue of such freeborne woemen soe marryed shall be Slaues as their fathers were And Bee itt further Enacted that all the Issues of English or

veares of age and noe longer.

P. R. O. Colonial Entry Book No. 53

## An Act for Ferrys.

other freeborne woemen that have already marryed Negroes shall serve the Masters of their Parents till they be Thirty

Whereas seuerall Inhabitants of this province but Especially the Inhabitants of St Marys and Charles County have suffred much Loss of time by procuringe of passages ouer St Georges and Wiccoconu Rivers as their severall occasions and Intentions may Require (there beinge noe Certaine ferry Erected and Allowed ouer either the st rivers Bee itt Enacted by the Right honnole the lord proprietory of this prouince with the assent and aprobation of the vper and Lower howse of this Gen! Assembly That the Coms of St Maryes County take serious care that a Conuenient boate 14 foote or therabouts by the Keele be built or purchased for the passinge any person or persons (trauelinge on foote) ouer St. George's Riuer, And Coms in Charles County in Like manner take care for the buildinge or purchasinge such other boate of 14 foote or therabouts by the Keele for conueying any psons whatsoever trauelinge on foote ouer Wiccoconu Riuer, weh sed ferrys the Com<sup>3</sup> of each County as afores! shall procure & see sett up kept and mayntayned in the most Conuenient place in either of the st Rivers by the last day of novembr next after the publication hereof upon perill of forfeitinge to the Lord proprietor and his heyres for either of their neglects Respectively three thousand pounds of Tobacco in Caske And for as much as those who ferryes ouer S! Georges and Wiccoconu Riuer hath respect in a manner wholy to S! Marys and Charles County Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesd that both the s.d Countyes bee equally and joyntlye charged wth the yearly mayntayninge both the sd fferyes and bee added to the Leavy in each Respective County euery yeare. And bee itt